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SUBJ: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS IRAN

1. DURING FOUR DAY VISIT TO IRAN ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
ARNALDO FORLANI WAS RECEIVED BY THE SHAH, MET WITH PRIME
MINISTER AMOUZEGAR, FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY AND NIOC
CHAIRMAN ANSARY. HE SPENT ONE DAY IN THE SOUTH, TOURING
CULTURAL SIGHTS IN SHIRAZ AND PERSEPOLIS.

2. AT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE UPON ARRIVAL FORLANI TOLD
REPORTERS HIS TALKS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS WOULD INCLUDE
PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN
AND ITALY (ESPECIALLY IN OIL-RELATED MATTERS), THE PROBLEM
OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND GENERAL INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
IN DEPARTURE STATEMENT FORLANI SAID THAT ITALY DESIRED TO
EXPAND THE SCOPE OF JOINT PROJECTS FOR THE BUILDING OF
PORTS, ROADS AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES SUCH AS THOSE
CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN BANDAR ABBAS. ON THE
QUESTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND THE EEC, FORLANI
COMMENTED THAT BOTH PARTIES "WERE INTERESTED IN THE REVIEW
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AND ALTERATION OF SUCH RELATIONS."

3. A JOINT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED EXPRESSING SATISFACTION
AT THE EXPANSION OF POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND NOTING THAT TALKS
WERE HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF "FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING".

4. COMMENT: FOLANI VISIT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20-23, BUT WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF ITALIAN CABINET SHIFT AT THAT TIME. ATMOSPHERE FOR CURRENT VISIT WAS CONSIDERABLY MORE FAVORABLE THAN WAS THE CASE IN JANUARY WHEN IRANIANS WERE VISIBLY ANNOYED BY LACK OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST ANTI-IRANIAN DEMONSTRATORS IN ROME. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TAMAGNINI (WHO SAT IN ON AUDIENCE AND OTHER MEETINGS) TOLD US VISIT HAD NO SPECIFIC AIM BEYOND GENERAL AFFIRMATION OF GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN ITALY AND IRAN; CERTAINLY FROM ITALIAN POINT OF VIEW VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL.
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